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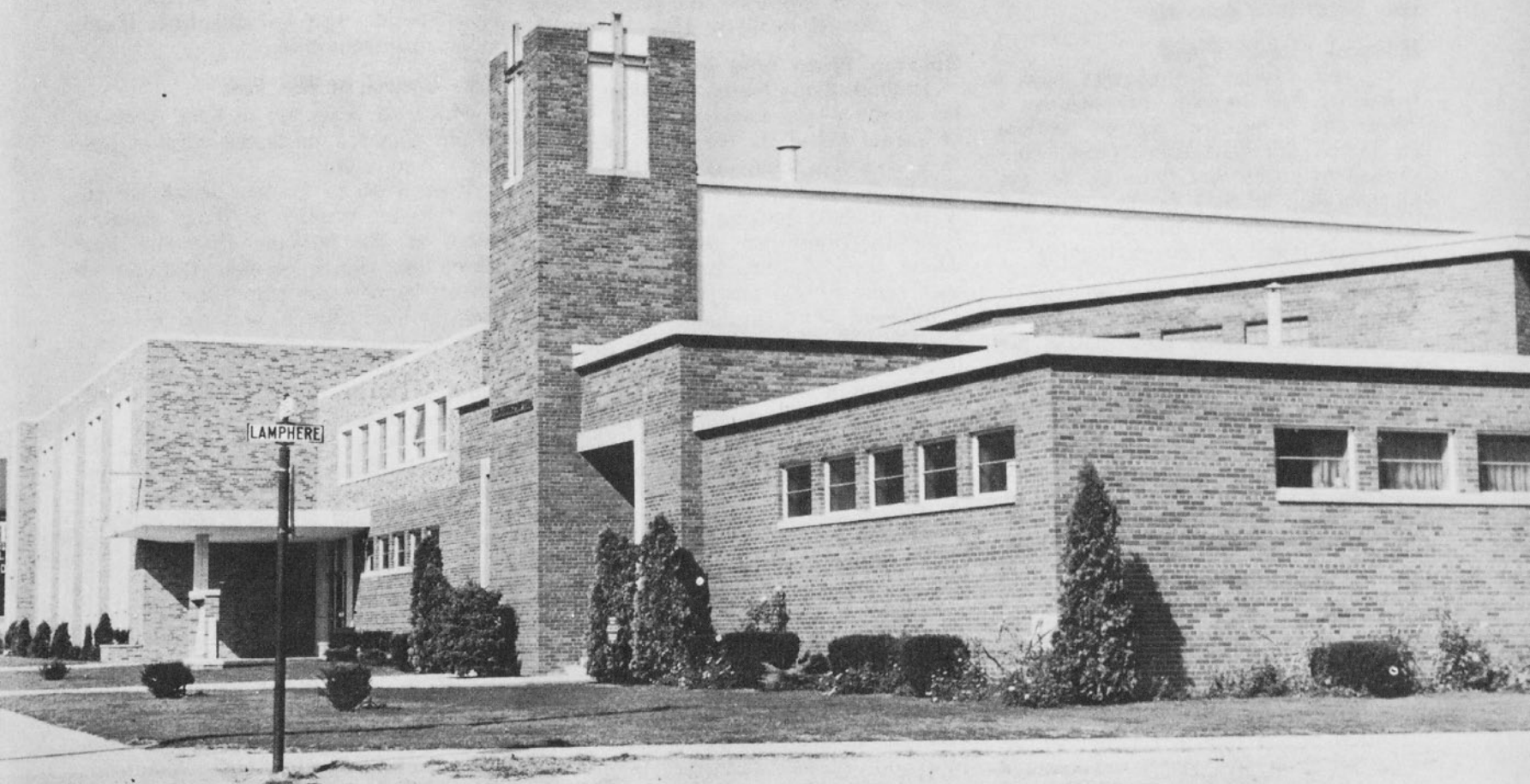
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS

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Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Michigan

with recent Sunday School addition—see page six

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

A Blow in the Mouth

The distillers have struck a new blow at the public—this time in the mouth. *The Indianapolis News* states that whiskey-flavored toothpaste is about to be placed on the market. The toothpaste will be available in scotch, bourbon and rye flavors.

Less "Comics" Being Sold

It appears that Congressional investigations and parental objections to "horror" stories have hit the "comic-book" business a telling blow. Annual sales are down to \$48,000,000—just half of what they were three years ago.

General Motors Fined

General Motors Corporation paid a five-dollar fine recently for violating a 74-year-old "blue law" against working on Sunday. An unidentified person complained to police that some G. M. employees were at work in the company's offices on Sunday. A patrolman investigated and found 78 persons working.

Women Outnumber Men on Foreign Missions Staffs

Women outnumber men almost two to one in the ranks of Protestant foreign missionaries. A survey was made recently of American Protestant missionaries serving in some forty foreign lands. It disclosed that about 5,000 of the missionaries (62 per cent) are women.

Church Gets Nationwide Publicity

Riverside Tabernacle, an Assemblies of God church in Flint, Michigan, received nationwide publicity when a picture of its beautiful new building was published in *Time* magazine (page 19, issue of November 7). The accompanying letter, written by Virgil A. Sellers, drew attention to the fact that Pastor M. A. Jolley personally drew all the architectural plans and directed the sale of bonds to finance the construction.

"Nudist Mother of 1955"

"More and more women and girls parade the streets in shameless semi-nudity," laments *Christian Victory*. "One nudist camp in Canada stooped so low as to select the 'Nudist Mother of 1955.' What an outrage! What a perversion of the purity of motherhood!"

Vatican's Global Voice

New radio equipment for the Vatican, costing six million dollars, has been installed near Rome. It will be strong enough to carry broadcasts to every corner of the globe.

Honoring Christ at Christmas

A group of women employed in downtown department stores in Miami, Florida, have formed a group called "Christ-like Christmas Parties, Incorporated," to campaign against the use of alcoholic beverages at company holiday celebrations.

Some employers protested that the women wanted to turn the office parties into religious services. "Well," they replied, "if they're using a religious holiday as the excuse to have a party, why not make it a religious party? Since Christmas is Christ's birthday, the parties ought to be planned to please Him."

Tibetan Priest Now in U.S.

Thubten Jigme Norbu, 33, elder brother of the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet, arrived in New York recently to seek a new home and citizenship in the U. S. As Tagtser Lama, Mr. Norbu is the highest ranking member of the Buddhist priesthood in this country. There are 49 Buddhist congregations with some 63,000 members in the U.S.

Believed by his kinsmen to be the reincarnation of a saint who was the spiritual leader of northern Tibet, Mr. Norbu fled Tibet in 1950 before the advancing Chinese Communist armies. His immigration to the U. S. this year was sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

To Prove Life After Death

A group of churchmen and laymen in London are engaged in an effort to prove that life exists after death. They have formed themselves into The Churches Fellowship For Psychical Study, and are conducting experiments "to confirm Christian belief that those who pass on continue in a fuller life." We wonder how well informed these people are concerning the Bible doctrines of heaven, hell, and saving faith. God has ordained that we walk by faith, not by sight. If we had scientific proof of everything in Christianity we would miss Christ's blessing, for He said, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

Masses Becoming Literate

The urgent need of publishing gospel literature in foreign lands is pointed up by Dr. Frank Laubach's statement that "people throughout the world are becoming literate at the yearly rate of 20,000,000. Whether they learn communistic or democratic ways will greatly determine the future history of this world."

Universal Bible Sunday

This is Universal Bible Sunday, and people in many churches will give an offering this week to further the good work of the American Bible Society.

Through the generosity of one donor, the Bible Society is going to place Bibles in English and the various national languages in all U. S. embassies, legations and consulates throughout the world. Scriptures will also be placed in the reference rooms of all U. S. Information Service libraries throughout the world.

All of us would like to take part in projects such as this. We may not be able to finance such a program alone. However, every dollar we give will provide additional Scriptures for some group of people who otherwise might never have the Word of Life. Last year the Bible Society produced and distributed over nine million volumes in the U. S. alone, besides the vast quantities it provided in foreign lands.

The Gospel at the Fair

The First Assembly of God, Spokane, Wash. found a neglected mission field—the county fair.

With a desire to "sow beside all waters," Pastor Wallace S. Bragg rented a booth at the Spokane Interstate Fair. There the church workers testified for Christ, handed out gospel literature, advertised their church, and ran two contests designed to draw people to the Lord. Adults were asked to write 25 words to complete the thought, "Everyone should read the Bible because..." Children were invited to complete the sentence, "Everyone should go to Sunday School because..." There were almost a thousand entries in the contests. Bibles were awarded to the first and second place winners in each division.

Publicizing Our Church

David A. Berquist, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in Allentown, Pa. wrote an excellent article about the history, doctrines, and practices of the Assemblies of God which appeared in a local newspaper (*The Morning Call*, Allentown, Pa., circulation 65,000 daily). His article, written in question-and-answer form, appeared in two installments in the course of a series of articles on "Religions of Our Day."

Similar articles by Frank M. Boyd have appeared in newspapers in Kalispell, Montana, and Washington, D. C.

This is an excellent opportunity to place our church and its teachings before the eyes of the public. Perhaps the editor of your local newspaper would be interested in publishing an article on "What Are the Assemblies of God?" If so, you may obtain material for an article from the Public Relations Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

How Old Is Man?

Stanley M. Horton Answers LIFE Editors

"EXCEPT FOR DOGMATIC MATERIALISTS and fundamentalists, who are still fighting, the war between Darwinism and the Bible has been over for many years." So say the editors of *Life* magazine in the first article of a series on "The Epic of Man" which began in the November 7, 1955, issue. They further quote Henry Ward Beecher (who in his later life called himself a "cordial Christian evolutionist") as using evolution to support the argument from design for the existence of God.

The *Life* article itself declares that theologians "accept the fact of man's relationship to animals and his physical evolution from them." It also quotes Harry Emerson Fosdick (whom it calls a "famous Baptist minister") as saying that "the general idea of evolution is taken for granted as gravitation" (p. 74).

It is well the editors of *Life* do not expect fundamentalists to let such statements go unchallenged. We shall not disappoint them. We are not ashamed of the gospel! We are sure also that many of our Baptist friends will take exception to being classified any longer with Dr. Fosdick, who has denied not only the inspiration of Scripture and the deity of Christ, but also the necessity that baptism be by immersion. Nor is the famous pulpit orator, Henry Ward Beecher, an example of faithful ministers. Like too many public speakers, he developed a peculiar ability, a sort of sixth sense, by which he anticipated what the people wanted—and he proceeded to give it to them.

Life's unqualified statement that theologians accept evolution reflects the smug, superior attitude of the modern liberals in America. This was seen at the World Council of Churches in Evanston in 1954, where American liberals did their best to play down the fact that most European theologians have returned to orthodoxy and to a hope in the second coming of

our Lord. Europe has been through two world wars and has lost its confidence in the natural and progressive goodness of unregenerate human nature. Its theologians are turning away from man to the God-man in order to find hope for the future.

We notice also that scattered here and there in *Life's* article are admissions that Darwinism has its weaknesses. "Darwinism...supplied its own phony cosmogony: that human progress, both economic and moral, could be left to nature's automatic ways... This... along with the doctrine of perpetual and universal struggle... is pretty well discredited by now" (p. 47). *Life* failed to add, however, that every point in Darwin's original theory has been disproved. Genetics, the science of heredity, has disproved Darwin's other points by showing that variations do not occur in all directions, but according to definite patterns controlled by the inheritance factors within the species. Neither are acquired characteristics inherited—which was another foundation stone of Darwinism.

When I was in college I met students who swallowed Darwinism because it seemed "so logical." Yet it is admitted that evidence has now completely demolished both the theory and its logic. If space were available much more might be said. How, for instance, did some snakes get complete equipment of poison, hypodermic needle, and timing device that works to a split second, when most snakes are non-poisonous and survive, while no snakes exist of any intermediate type? How is it that electric eels with a 500-volt "battery" complete with insulators and "shut-off switch" exist alongside eels without electricity, and no eels exist with 100-volt or 50- or 10-volt "batteries"? And how can this be reconciled with Darwin's theory of the "survival of the fittest," when eels without "batteries" are the more plentiful type today?

Nevertheless, the idea of evolution has remained attractive to those who would deny the Bible and who dislike to accept man's responsibility for his sin. Therefore the theory still dominates education and science. Actually, most scientists are so highly specialized that they are laymen except in their own particular field. Very few attempt to survey the whole area covered by the theory of



AN ABORIGINE OF AUSTRALIA—The existence of so-called "primitive" races in certain areas today does not prove that man evolved from low forms to higher forms of civilization. On the contrary, it supports the Biblical account of man's fall. God created man with great mental, physical, and spiritual qualities but he fell into sin and degeneracy was the result. Only the gospel of Christ can place man back on the pinnacle from which he has fallen.

evolution, and the new evidence which is constantly coming up has been ignored.

It might be well therefore to examine the main contentions of *Life's* article. They are:

1. "Anthropologists postulate that both man and apes are descended from a common primate ancestor which lived about 30 million years ago" (p. 74).

2. Man "has survived virtually unchanged for at least 300,000 years" (p. 79).

Well may evangelists make fun of people who think their ancestors swung from trees by their tails. Mere ridicule, however, cannot answer the honest questionings of our young people who are confronted with the arguments of highly educated men who propound theories of evolution. Evolutionists no longer teach that man descended from monkeys, but that both had a common ancestor. Evolutionists have arranged an "evolutionary tree" where the leaves represent living and fossil species, while the twigs and branches represent "common ancestors." Yet all common ancestors have disappeared without trace, and what they were like is but guesswork, as *Life's* article admits (p. 74).

Now that Darwin's theory is given up, evolutionists depend on sudden changes in the mechanism of inheritance, called mutations, in an attempt to explain how new species might be produced. But they are hard put, for mutations do not add new basic characteristics. Most mutations produce losses or degen-

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eration. Others only add to the variety within the species. It is guessed, however, that a favorable mutation occurs once in a few million years—so they guess at 30 million years for the date of this hypothetical common ancestor! It is purely a guess. There is not one shred of evidence.

Last June the writer had the privilege of attending a joint meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation and the Evangelical Theological Society (to both of which he belongs) in Winona Lake, Indiana. The former is a group of 650 born-again Christians who have scientific training and who work in scientific fields or teaching. At this meeting the age of man, among other things, was discussed.

Theologians pointed out that the genealogy of Matthew 1:8 leaves out three names when it says Joram begat Uzziah. Hebrew scholars said that the word "begat" may mean "became the ancestor of." In other words, Bible genealogies do not attempt to include every Tom, Dick, and Harry in the line but merely tell the high points, the important people, in the genealogy. Even when ages are mentioned, it may mean that the person had a son at that age and thus became the ancestor of the next one mentioned. Thus it is dangerous to try to add up genealogies. Bishop Ussher of the Church of England did that. He set creation at 4004 B.C., but it is only a guess. The Bible merely says, "In the beginning."

While Ussher's chronology may be open to question, nevertheless the Bible does not seem to indicate any such early date as 300,000 B.C. for the creation of man. *Life's* article fails to indicate that this date was arrived at by a method of Uranium dating. This method is considered fairly reliable because Uranium's rate of decay is known and can be checked. Scientists at the Winona Lake meeting said, however, that sources of error exist here. Even the glacial dates are nothing but "educated guesses." One method puts the last glacial age at 25,000 B.C.—another at 10,000 B.C.—so scientists have no grounds for being dogmatic.

Life's article also follows the usual evolutionary guess of arranging men by the size and shape of the brain cases. Yet on that basis the Neanderthal man was once thought to be an ancestor of modern man. But *Life* admits that was wrong, and says modern man is older than Neanderthal (p. 79). If *Life* still holds that *Pithecanthropus* and the Peking man were ancestors of modern man, it ignores the fact that there is actually much controversy over this, even among evolutionists. These remains are considered to be more human than first thought, and many a scientist holds that their tools and culture show them to be fully human. Thus all that has been

proved is that these discoveries are no older than modern man.

Scientists at Winona Lake said that all ancient remains which have been proved to be man at all have, on further study, proved to be completely man. Nothing between man and ape has ever been discovered. It is the writer's personal opinion that these ancient remains represent other races, perhaps in the line of Cain, which were destroyed in the flood. At any rate, *Life* admits that "no one" (that is, no evolutionist) "knows where on the earth's surface or at what stage in prehistory *Homo sapiens sapiens* (modern man) first appeared" (p. 79).

Furthermore, at Winona Lake the scientists said we have no sure way of dating any culture or human remains before the invention of writing about 3,000 B.C. All early "ages" of man are but guesswork. *Life* admits that the Old Stone Age "refers not to a fixed interval of time but to a stage of human culture whose temporal boundaries vary from place to place on the earth" (p. 91). Then it photographs and describes a "stone age" culture still existing in Australia.

Life does not dwell on what this means. Actually, the culture at 3,000 B.C. is not essentially different from that of the remains supposed to come from 300,000 B.C. For culture not to change for 297,000 years would be unthinkable! It seems more reasonable to suppose that these other races which have disappeared, as well as these "stone age" cultures, existed side by side with higher cultures. Even today so-called "primitive" races are not really primitive but degenerate.

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"Primitive" tribes in central America, for example, live right now in the midst of ruins of a high civilization which their ancestors enjoyed.

The Bible indicates that soon after the Fall of Man there was a rapidly rising civilization on one hand and a rapid degeneration on the other. Men have lived in caves at various times in history.

The Bible does not go into many areas of science. Neither does it make the mistake and unscientific statements that fill other ancient books. The Bible is primarily interested in telling us how to be saved and how to live after we are saved. But God kept His writers from making false statements. Even *Life*, though it calls Genesis "prescientific" (p. 47), does not dare go so far as to call it unscientific.

We conclude with the words of Sir Ambrose Fleming, F. B. S., President of the Victoria Institute in Great Britain, who said, "The theory of evolution is powerless to explain the past or to inspire hope for the future of humanity. The Biblical account of Man's Creation and Fall alone explains the reason for the height to which he has risen and the depth to which he has fallen, his elevation and grandeur, his debasement and decay."

Hernias Healed

I was born with a single hernia and wore a truss all of my life. After Brother Ogilvie prayed for me in his tent campaign I visited my doctor and he could find no trace of hernia. I am now twelve years old.

My brother Leonard also was born with a single hernia, and later another one developed. He too had worn a truss all of his life. After Brother Ogilvie prayed for him my mother took him to the family doctor, who could find no trace of hernia. Praise the Lord.—David Lozano.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Snyder, North Sacramento, Calif., chairman of the Ogilvie tent meeting.)

Calluses Disappear

I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. For about a year I had very bad calluses on the bottom of my feet. In my daily prayers I prayed for healing. One night while I was reading my Bible I just happened to look down at my feet—and, praise the Lord, the calluses were gone. Jesus is a wonderful Physician. Glory be to God forever.—Miss Margaret Baboo, 237 Magie Ave., Roselle Park, N. J.

(Endorsed by Allan A. Swift, Pastor, Trinity Pentecostal Church, Elizabeth, N. J.)

After helping others in similar circumstances,

this minister found himself in need of comfort.

ON SEPTEMBER THIRD OF THIS YEAR, while enjoying the Saturday evening service at the General Council in Oklahoma City, I heard my name called over the loud speakers. There was an urgent message for me. The telephone operator rushed the connection through, and soon I was told that a tragic accident had taken the life of a loved one.

In a very short time I was on a plane bound for home. Once on the plane, a wave of unutterable grief swept over me; my tears flowed in an unending stream down my cheeks. The devil tempted me to unwholesome thoughts concerning God's love and grace. Here was I, a minister of the gospel, having helped hundreds of others in like circumstances—and now I needed comfort.

During that plane ride, which seemed like an eternity but in reality took only a few hours, I searched the Word of God for something that would take away the ghastly ache that sorrow had brought. Because of my tears I had turned from the other passengers and pretended to be looking out the window of the plane. Perhaps in all my life I had never felt such desolation of soul. Death had taken one of the gems of our family—a niece seventeen years old with all the beauty and promise of young womanhood. I was resentful. It was unfair, I told myself. I ached inside.

Then I remembered the words of Jesus, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18). We were winging our way north at about 250 miles an hour, but Christ came to me aboard that plane. Then and there I felt the divine presence of the Man of Sorrows, the One who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. The communion between my heart and my blessed Lord on that six-hundred-mile trip cannot be described. The Word of God came to me; and in that silent, mysterious, yet glorious way God comforted my sorrowing heart.

As time goes on, there invariably comes to each a time when death rears its ugly head. The day comes when loved ones are taken from our midst, and we walk through deep waters—through the valley of the shadow. When stunned with grief and apparently surrounded by an aching, black void, we are apt to stare into our grief as into a bleak abyss while our ears are straining to catch the sound of a voice that is still in death.

My Song

Free from the weight of my burden of sinning,
I have discovered a song;
It soars like a bird on the evening breeze
winging,
Onward and upward, unfettered, still singing;
Jesus, my Saviour, the end and beginning,
Ever the theme of my song.
Though stilled for a season by sadness and gloom,
It bursts forth again when I think of His tomb!

Free from the dread of disease and decay,
I have discovered a song;
Though others around me may look with dismay
As I laugh, as I sing on the wearisome way;
I know that this earth-life is but a short day
Compared to the heaven beyond.
There others will join me—an unnumbered throng,
And Jesus will still be the theme of my song!

—Mary Honderich Tregenza



Valley of the Shadow

by T. E. HOLLINGSWORTH, Youngstown, Ohio

We can only know the full meaning of the work of Christ through His ignominious death as we stand beside an open grave and fully surrender all to Him who was dead but is alive forevermore. It is here, facing a situation by which the devil has calculated to rob us of all hope and victory, that Christ fulfills His promise, "I will come to you." Through our tears we are able to see the One who said, "My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Corinthians 12:9), and remember that His Word declares: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

We sorrow indeed—but not as those who have no hope; for verily we do believe that those who sleep in Jesus, God will bring with Him. We know that our loved ones have gone before us into the presence of the Lord whom they loved and served.

Instead of being crippled in spirit, cast down as one who has lost a battle or conceded a victory to the enemy, we are made stronger. The comfort which our Saviour gives us lends dignity and poise to our Christian experience. We learn more and more to love Him whom we have not seen except through the eye of faith. Our hearts become more set on heaven because we now have greater treasures on the other side.

God has taught us a precious lesson—heaven and earth will pass away, yet His Word abideth faithful. In the school of the Holy Ghost we learn that all we have belongs to God—that He may take all that we have, including our dearest earthly treasure, and we need not question His divine wisdom or love.

He teaches us through sorrow that eternity is certain and that it is much, much longer than time. Over and over He whispers to my heart, "Son, boast not thyself of tomorrow." Since death has passed my way I have learned that my relationships with my loved ones and with my brethren in Christ must be carefully watched. What I would do to help them I must do now. If I am to witness to that son or daughter, if I am going to express my love or appreciation, I must do it now. There may be no tomorrow.

Sorrowing for departed loved ones can be a tragic blackness for those who have lost faith. But for the child of God, who sorrows "not as others which have no hope," it is as the crushing of the rose which emits a perfume that leaves its aroma to bless others who must one day walk the valley of the shadow.

"Blessed are they that mourn," said Jesus, and surely these were words that had been weighed in the balances of His

soul and uttered through compassion for our sorrowing. All the secret murmurings against His dealings are somehow banished when His sweet presence moves in upon a broken and a contrite heart. The hurt, the longing, the unexpressed rebellion seem to vanish as we yield ourselves to His rod and His staff.

For the Christian, death is indeed a victory. Being absent from the body and being present with the Lord is reality. Those who mourn the passing of a loved

one may find that the valley road, from which we would shrink and flee in horror, becomes a mellowing process. The bitter waters of "Mara" are sweetened by Calvary's tree. There comes a serenity and poise that could come in no other way—a serenity and poise that the world cannot comprehend.

This was my experience. This was how God brought comfort to my heart as recently with my sister's family we faced "the valley of the shadow of death."

She Found Her Debt Was Paid

A Christian nurse in a certain large hospital showed as great an interest in the souls of those around her as in the bodies of her patients. She was especially interested in the nurses with whom she constantly associated since their duties and their working hours often kept them from attending religious services. Because of this it was not uncommon for these nurses to drift from their faith in God.

Upon one occasion this Christian nurse brought to church another nurse who had expressed a desire to hear the gospel preached by a Christian doctor. At the conclusion of the service she brought her friend forward and introduced her to the doctor. Thinking immediately of her salvation, he asked, "Are you a saved nurse, or are you a lost nurse?"

"Oh," she replied, "I am a Christian; I joined the church twelve years ago."

The Christian doctor told her he was glad for her interest in spiritual matters, but went on to explain that there are two kinds of church members—saved ones and lost ones. Then he added, "I wonder which kind you are!"

This reply seemed a little disconcerting to the nurse, and she did not answer at once. This gave the doctor the opportunity to glance up and see the Christian nurse off at one side, quietly praying that the Lord would do a good work in the heart of her friend.

After a few thoughtful moments, the unsaved nurse looked up and said, "Really, Doctor, I do not know whether I am saved or not. I came to this service to find out. I am not at all clear in my mind about the way of salvation and feel that I must know."

"Did you ever hear that beautiful hymn, 'Jesus Paid It all'?"

"Oh, yes," she replied. "It is in almost every hymnbook that I have seen, and I like it very much."

"Well, tell me, Nurse, did Jesus pay it all for you, or did He not?"

Again the nurse bowed her head in thoughtful meditation. Finally she looked up and said, "I wish I knew. I do not

feel that Jesus has paid my debt."

The doctor answered at once, "Would you prefer to go by your feelings in the matter, or would you be willing to believe what the Word of God says about it?"

"I do not want to be fooled," she answered. "I want to know the truth. What does the Bible say about it?"

"The Bible says, 'It is finished,'" he answered. "Jesus said this on the cross when He was dying for you. It is recorded in John 19:30. If He said, 'It is finished,' surely it must be finished. Do you believe that Jesus finished the work of salvation for you?"

As the truth of this scripture was made real to her heart, she turned from the doctor to kneel beside one of the front seats. He slipped over quickly to hear what she was saying to the Lord, and these were her words: "Lord Jesus, I never knew before that You had paid my debt on the Cross. I knew You died for sinners, but I did not know it was for *me*. You *did* pay my debt, for You said, 'It is finished.' I thank You for it, Lord Jesus. I believe my debt is paid, and thank You for the wonderful peace You have given to my heart."

About a week later, when the physician had occasion to go to the hospital where this nurse worked, he determined to find this newly saved nurse to see whether she had really trusted Christ, and to see if she had His peace and joy in her heart. Upon inquiry he found that she worked in the diet kitchen, and there he found her making up some serving trays. He asked, "Nurse, tell me, did Jesus pay it all, or did He fail in the attempt?"

Her face wreathed in smiles, she said, "Doctor, Jesus *did* pay it all for me. If you had told me two weeks ago that it was possible for a person to have heaven on earth as I have had this week, I would have thought it preposterous. But now I have heaven in my heart, for I belong to Jesus."

The joy of heaven on earth will come to all who learn to know and love the Saviour who "paid it all."

This Week's Cover

With the dedication of the three-story educational annex (left center of cover photo) on September 18, 1955, the congregation of Detroit's Brightmoor Tabernacle marked another milestone of spiritual advance. Since 1925, when the late A. G. Bates started his ministry for the Lord in the northwest section of Michigan's largest city, the Brightmoor Tabernacle has grown from a small, one-story, frame schoolhouse to the present half-million-dollar structure.

Under the ministry of Brother Bates the congregation grew rapidly. After the sudden death of Brother Bates, the present pastor, Bond Bowman, began his work at the tabernacle. That was in 1934.

In the thirty years of Brightmoor's history, three new tabernacles have been built—each doubling the seating capacity of the previous one—until today the church accommodates approximately 1,400 by the use of a chapel adjacent to the auditorium.

The most recent addition to the building, the educational annex, was planned tentatively at the time the present church was built. It has now become a reality through the Lord's help and guidance. With this new annex, which is 112 by 83 feet in size, the church is equipped to accommodate 1,800 in Sunday School.

Besides the large Sunday School, another vital factor in the life of Brightmoor Tabernacle is its consistent missionary program. The church now supports twenty missionaries (some entirely) in eight different countries. Members of the church are humbly grateful that in the past ten years they have been able to give over \$100,000 for Missions.

Other activities of this church include a thriving group of Christ's Ambassadors who carry on services in three hospitals in the Detroit area and help out in several pioneer churches; a Women's Missionary Council that, along with other activities, has mailed over 2,000 pounds of food and clothing for distribution to the needy at home and abroad during the past year; a Men's Fellowship that sponsors a Scout troop and that contributed of its time, muscle and know-how in the final preparation of the educational annex for occupancy; a regular radio broadcasting schedule; a printing department; and a music department that has added much to the services at Brightmoor Tabernacle.

Pastor Bowman states, "To God, above all, we ascribe the praise and glory for our progress through the years; for, without His blessing, His guidance, His increase, human effort would have been futile. We rejoice for what God hath wrought."

Our Alaska Homes

—by ELVA M. JOHNSON



Winter everywhere brings some adjustments and extra needs for the family, and nowhere is this more true than in Alaska. There winter means bitter cold weather, short days, long nights, special clothing and staggering fuel bills.

The workers in our three Children's Homes in Alaska are constantly aware of the added burden winter brings, and they give thanks for the way God has provided for many of the winter needs of the Homes.

CHILDREN'S FARM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cather, who founded the Children's Farm Home in the Matanuska Valley near Palmer, Alaska in 1944, have done an excellent work through the years with the large family of boys and girls in their care. This year the Cathers have been joined in their work by a splendid young couple, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield and their two children. The Whitfields were formerly pastors at

This boy in the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home proudly displays the Bible he received for Christmas in 1953.



Petersburg, Alaska. (The Petersburg Assembly, incidentally, is now pastored by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hughes. Brother Hughes was brought up in our Juneau Children's Home.)

The Children's Farm Home maintains a Grade A dairy, and income from the dairy is used largely for improvements on the property. Produce raised on the farm contributes greatly to the family food supply.

The cold Alaska winters have posed some difficult heating problems for the Home, but God is answering prayer for funds for a central heating system. There have been several contributions to this fund. Recently the Assembly of God in Sweet Home, Oregon sent almost a thousand dollars for this purpose. Brother Cather reported that they were ordering materials at once, and would begin installation as soon as possible. We rejoice that this need is being met.

THE HOME AT VALDEZ

The Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home, where Dorothea Whelan is matron, is enjoying God's blessings. Fourteen children leave the Home each morning to attend public school. This includes a youngster in kindergarten and one student in high school. The rest of the children are in grade school.

This lively family is housed in crowded quarters at present while they await the completion of their new dormitory. The Lord has provided funds for plaster board, tile, bathroom fixtures, gas stove, and electric wiring, and they will soon be installed.

Miss Whelan writes that God has been blessing their teen-age girls especially, drawing them nearer to Himself. Miss Wilma Hahnemann, formerly employed at the Gospel Publishing House, is assisting Miss Whelan.

JUNEAU CHILDREN'S HOME

Misses Mildred Pitts and Gertrude Bishop have recently joined the staff of the Juneau Children's Home. Mrs. Lyle Johnson, matron of the Home, writes that the new workers (who were on the staff of the Valdez Home for thirteen months) are fitting into the Juneau Home very well. These workers answered an "emergency" call for help in the Home, and went before their support was all pledged, trusting God to supply their needs.

Twenty-four boys and girls from the Juneau Home attend public school every



A Christmas morning scene in the Children's Farm Home at Palmer, Alaska, in 1953. Indian children eye with anticipation the pile of packages under the tree. This year our WMC groups will see that each child is remembered with a gift. Most urgent need is for cash offerings for maintaining the Homes.

day and four are in kindergarten.

Mrs. Johnson says that even with all the rush of the morning routine and getting the family ready for school, they do not neglect morning worship. They always begin the day with the Word of God and with prayer. "Our children go to meet each new day with a portion of God's Word and with prayer to fortify their minds and souls."

Six preschool children, including a tiny baby girl, remain in the Home while the others attend school. The oldest boy of the Home is now attending Bible School in the States.

Funds have come in for the drilling of a much-needed well, and work is in progress on it at present. Let us pray that the drillers will strike an adequate supply of water.

Our three Children's Homes are Assemblies of God investments in Alaskan youth. We are providing more than food and clothing and the necessities of life in our Homes. We are maintaining a family altar for children who never even heard of one until they came beneath our wing. We are saying in a practical way, "We care what happens to you. We care for your soul." When we give to the support of these Homes we are standing behind consecrated Assemblies of God men and women who devote themselves to the arduous task of molding these young lives for God.

Each of these Homes has definite needs NOW. Perhaps the Lord will lay one of them on your heart; or, if you would prefer, just send an offering designated for "ALASKA CHILDREN'S HOMES" and we will place it where the need is most urgent. Send all offerings to—

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Opportunity

A GREAT NEED HAS DEVELOPED IN Buenos Aires, together with a great opportunity. The Bible School situation has been difficult. Last year thirty students attended, but as there was no property for a Bible School, one of the missionaries had to move out of his home during the school term and the school was held in his house. Of course, this was not satisfactory from the standpoint of the students or the missionary but it was the only thing that could be done. The need of Bible Schools to train the native workers is growing, for the training of native workers is the solution to most missionary problems today. The Assemblies of God are doing much to safeguard foreign missions in this way and God's approval and blessing rests upon such activity.

An attractive and adequate building is now available for the Bible School, provided funds can be raised to take advantage of the offer. A three-story building in good condition can be purchased for \$30,000 if action is taken at once. This would not only house the students and school but would also provide apartments for two missionary couples. The need is pressing and urgent and the opportunity presented to us is tremendous. What a privilege to have a part in this work which will bring in eternal results! Because of the urgency of this matter, will you pray earnestly that the need will be met? By acting immediately, we can save several hundred dollars.

This property is now available for a Bible School in Argentina. The three-story building would provide both classes and housing for the students.



Recently constructed seventy-foot bridge that enables the missionaries to cross to the Firestone plantation.

In Liberia

BRIDGE BUILDING

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE LOST and the saved is the gospel preaching of the missionary, but sometimes there arises the need of literal bridge building and other manual work to enable the spiritual work to be done. This happened to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hasch of Liberia, who supervised the building of a Jeep road and bridge from the Mission to the town of Owensgrove to enable them to reach Harbel Firestone more easily. Great spiritual blessings are raining down upon the work at Firestone, and the road and bridge are real assets to the missionaries.

The bridge started out to be a thirty-foot structure, but the stream became so swollen during the rainy season that it was necessary to raise the bridge and lengthen it to seventy feet. The bridge was made of solid mahogany planks, the cheapest wood in that area. Anchored by ironwood underpinnings in concrete abutments, it is a sturdy, safe structure. It took three months to build the road and bridge. The construction met with great favor of the Liberian people, opening the door wider for gospel work, so that the actual bridge becomes a means for more spiritual bridge building.

The Lord is doing marvelous things in the Firestone work. On a recent Sunday, forty people arose and came forward in the service for salvation. This was in one section only. The following Sunday was another time of rejoicing as a number signified their desire for Christ even before the invitation was given.

In addition to the many who are being saved, there are several who have experienced the healing power of God. A woman who was gloriously healed after being sick for six months is spreading the news of her healing wherever she goes. The Hasches felt led to visit her and pray for her, and God answered prayer.

One of the laborers on the mission station was bitten by a snake. He came to the missionaries shaking with chills and having a high fever. He did not know what kind of snake bit him, but while working on the road, he felt it bite his toe. He was prayed for, and the Lord healed him.

And so the work of the gospel goes on bringing glory to God. But Satan is busy also, as is always the case where the gospel is being preached and practiced. When Brother Hasch went to the garage on the Firestone side of the river to get the Speed-the-Light ranchwagon, he found the garage had been broken open and the car damaged. Thieves had broken the window to steal the powerful spotlight which was in the car, and had broken the front end of the car including the grille to get the battery. Taking the spoiling of our goods joyfully, as we read in the Book of Hebrews, is evidence of our Christianity and impresses the unbeliever even more than words. So in this case, the onslaught of the enemy was turned into advancement for the Kingdom of God.

CROSS BEARING

by EVELYN HATCHETT

PERSECUTION IS NOTHING NEW—IT HAS been a weapon of Satan against the children of God throughout the history of the human race. But our God, who makes the wrath of man to praise Him and who uses this work of Satan through human channels to strengthen the believer, is Victor in every situation. Such is the case in Penang, Malaya, where persecution of some of the Christians has turned out to the furtherance of the Gospel.

Take the case of Shan Chan and Shan Chue, two lovely Christian girls. It was on a Wednesday afternoon that I was told someone wished to see me. Entering the living room, I was surprised to see the older of these two girls with red and swollen eyes and tear-stained cheeks. Between sobs she told me that her mother had taken a stick and had chased her younger sister and herself from the home. The mother had been furious when she learned that her daughters had become believers and had been baptized. The girls were forced to flee without having had time to take even their identity cards with them. These cards are essential under the emergency regulations in Malaya. So the girls were literally stripped of parental shelter, police protection, financial resources and material provision.

They wandered through the streets, friendless and alone. Yet they were not alone, for One was with them—the One who had promised never to leave nor forsake. The unbelieving neighbors looked with scorn upon them—these two outcasts who were suffering reproach for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Shan Chan and Shan Chue enjoy a time of relaxation with another Penang girl.



Finally their steps turned toward me and 'it was my privilege to encourage them. Of course, my home was open to receive the girls, but it was decided that they should stay in the home of a Chinese midwife, a friend of the Mission. Close relatives of this woman are members of our church. She gave employment to the girls until we could see how things were working out.

A week went by during which negotiations were made with the girls' parents. Then they were asked to return home with the promise they could serve the Lord in the home—that is, read the Bible and pray. However, they were not to attend services for some time. They would not have to bow before the idols. Instead, they would be permitted to worship the true God as they desired. Truly our Lord answers prayer, for much prayer ascended on behalf of these two precious souls.

This event not only strengthened them, and made them more determined than ever to serve the Lord, but it brought us all closer together. One does not engage in fervent prayer for another without strengthening the spiritual bond. We are expecting the ban on the services to be lifted so that the girls will be able to return to worship with us.



A group of Penang young people stand in front of the Ayer Stam (Black Water) Buddhist Temple. Five of these were recently baptized.

In the midst of fiery trial and icy ridicule the church in Penang is forging ahead. The cross comes before the crown—the test before the triumph! What a glorious day it will be when God's victorious army will be together to shout His praises and recount the victories over the powers of darkness!

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Crouch are home from Egypt on furlough. They are staying at Mission Village, Route 5, Box 720, Springfield, Mo.

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Mrs. Lettie Lewis returned home on furlough October 31. She can be reached at the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. LeRoy Williams have

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recently returned from Peru. Their address is 1530 E. Jefferson, Mishawaka, Indiana.



Virginia E. Watts

Virginia E. Watts returned to North India for another term of service, leaving the States on November 16.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Downey arrived from the Belgian Congo on October 25. Their present address is 146-34 Hawthorne Ave., Flushing, Long Island, New York.



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, December 12

PAUL THE FAITHFUL SERVANT—2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the Scripture Paul reveals the seriousness and the responsibility attached to the ministry. His joy in being given a place in the Master's vineyard was sobered by his awareness that an account must be made before the Lord of that which was committed to him.

Paul states that the generations in the last days would place no premium upon sound doctrine, but rather would follow their own inclinations away from the truth. This age was to be characterized by degeneracy, and the Scriptures clearly define the various types of moral and spiritual degeneracy prevalent in these last days. These characteristics do not make the task of the servant of the Lord easier; but Paul's admonition was to watch, to endure, and to work.

Someday every servant of God must stand before the Lord to give an account of his commitments. What a consolation it is to know that the tears of the sower will be as precious in that day as the shouts of the reaper, and that whether we have sown or reaped, planted or watered, we will be equally rewarded if we have been faithful.

—ANDREW STIRLING

TUESDAY, December 13

GOD IS OUR DWELLING PLACE—Psalm 90

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations" (v. 1).

Life at best is brief. Man is like the grass of the field that flourishes in the morning and is cut down in the evening. Apart from God we have no continuing dwelling place. Apart from Him we are but men of the moment; but abiding in Him we live forever. In Him we find an everlasting habitation, an unmovable and eternal dwelling place.

This psalm covers the past, present, and future. To the saints of old, God was their fixed dwelling place, even when they wandered in the wilderness. They found Him to be an enduring tabernacle. They dwelt securely under the shadow of the Almighty, in the "secret place of the most High." We may find that same blessed abiding place in the present, and may look forward with joy to an eternity with Him.

Our God, who is "from everlasting to everlasting," has revealed Himself in Jesus. All who come to Christ are dwelling in God. To be in Christ is to be in God; to be in the Spirit is to be in God—walking, living, dwelling in God. In Him the brevity of life is lengthened into eternity. We shall never really die; we are partakers of the divine nature, dwelling in love, dwelling in God; and we shall dwell in Him and with Him through the ages to come, world without end. Hallelujah!

—W. B. McCAFFERTY

WEDNESDAY, December 14

FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS—Matthew 25:14-30

God has not called us to become great and famous, but to be faithful in the responsibilities He gives us. This truth is illustrated in the life of Jonathan Goforth, missionary to China.

When Jonathan was fifteen years of age his father took him to their second farm about twenty miles away and made him responsible for the care of a certain field until harvest time, when he would return for inspection. Jonathan promised to take care of the field, considering this a real opportunity. He wanted to please his father more than anything else.

When harvest time came, Jonathan anxiously awaited the visit of his father. At last he arrived, and Jonathan led his father to a high place in the field. There they stood, looking over the beautiful, waving grain.

Mr. Goforth did not utter a word at first. Poor Jonathan waited patiently; the moments seemed like hours. Then his father turned to him and smiled. Jonathan was satisfied; his father's smile was all he wanted.

Later in life Jonathan Goforth was to experience the smile of God's approval upon his missionary work in the "field" of China. Because he had been faithful in the care of a small field, God promoted him to care for the spiritual welfare of a very large "field." Our tasks may seem insignificant to us here, but if we are "faithful over a few things" our Lord will someday make us ruler over many things.

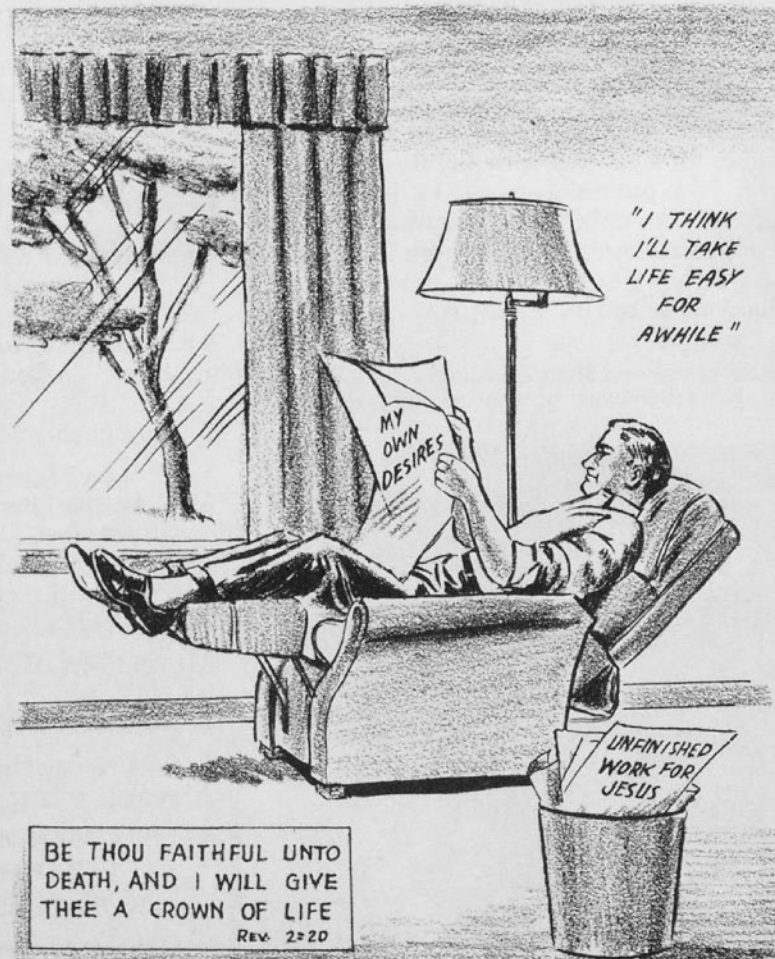
—C. W. DENTON

THURSDAY, December 15

ABIDING IN THE VINE—John 15:1-12

What a wonderful sight the Father sees as He looks out over the great vineyard which His beloved Son has purchased with His life's blood. There He sees much fruit being brought forth to His glory by the many branches abiding in Christ.

DON'T RELAX TOO SOON



But these branches must be pruned in order that they may bring forth much fruit, and so the Husbandman Himself takes the pruning knife. He is not going to hurt the branches; He is only going to help them bear more fruit. So if you feel a cutting today, be still; it is the Husbandman who stands by you.

Now, the bringing forth of much fruit does not depend upon talent or natural knowledge, but upon the flow of life from the vine, upon the believer's openness to the fullness of redemptive power. And it is not the size of the branch nor its position on the vine that matters, but the nourishment it receives. Is the fullness of God's power flowing through you today? Are you a living branch?

—MARIE E. BROWN

FRIDAY, December 16

CHRISTIANS MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER—
John 15:13-27

"These things I command you, that ye love one another" (v. 17).

One of the imperishable fruits of the Spirit is love—love to God and love for one another. This love is not transitory as the so-called love that the world offers, but is eternal as God is, since it is His love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

This love is obtained through our vital union with Jesus Christ, even as the branch is united to the vine and is dependent upon it for life and fruitfulness. We retain this love by abiding in Him and keeping His commandments, for Jesus said, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

This love in our hearts will manifest itself by deeds and service, both to God and to each other. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." This love will rule out selfishness, covetousness, greed, avarice, hatred, envy, strife, and any other thing that spoils our relationship with others. For how can we love God whom we have not seen, if we do not love our brother whom we have seen? Thank God for His love that unites us one with another and with Him.

—O. L. HARRUP

SATURDAY, December 17

CHRISTIANS DO LOVE ONE ANOTHER—
1 John 5:1-13

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (v. 1).

If we are born of God, we love one another. Elsewhere the apostle John declares, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not

of God, NEITHER HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER." In solemn and uncompromising tones John emphasizes the necessity for love among brethren. We find no excuse for such attitudes as "I can forgive, but I'll never forget!" or "I just can't stand her!" No room for such feelings in a heart that is full of God's love!

Our text makes it clear that those who are truly God's children, and who love Him, will inevitably love those begotten of Him, those whom He loves. Because He laid down His life for us we are constrained to lay down our emotions, our preferences, our very lives for the brethren. It becomes altogether out of harmony with God's revealed will for one who is His to "lay his brother out." Rather we are to submit one to another in humility and forgiving love.

—GORDON F. PREISER

Sunday School lesson for December 18, 1955—
"Paul the Faith Servant" (2 Timothy 4:1-8).

REVIVALTIME News Flash!

NEW STATIONS ADDED

Revivaltime was released over the following new stations, beginning the week of November 13:

LIMA, PERU, South America (Radio Miroflores)

Sunday—10:15 p.m.

Contact cleared through David Scott

MEMPHIS, TENN. (WHBQ)

Sunday—10:30 p.m. (1,000 watts)

MONTECELLO, ARK. (KHBM)

Sunday—1:00 p.m. (1,000 watts)

Contact cleared through Otis Hubbard

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO. (KLTS)

Sunday—8:30 a.m. (1,000 watts)

KENDALLVILLE, IND. (WKTL)

Sunday—1:00 p.m. (250 watts)

Contact cleared through Marvin Snyder

LAS CRUCES, N. M. (KOBE)

Friday—1:30 p.m. (250 watts)

Contact cleared through Kenneth Barney

NATCHEZ, MISS. (WNAT)

Sunday—8:15 a.m. (250 watts)

Contact cleared through W. A. Thomas
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Now heard at 10:30 p.m. each Sunday

*"I am a part of all that I have met;
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world, whose margin
fades*

*For ever and for ever when I move.
How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
As tho' to breathe were life."*

OPPORTUNITY

doesn't
break
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door
down!



IT MAY KNOCK
JUST ONCE!

That golden opportunity! Those teen-age boys were sitting on the edge of their seats, listening to the teaching of the lesson, absorbing its message! Then, when one of them asked you for Bible verses supporting your statements, you were at a loss to give them to him. You fumbled around in your Bible for a while but finally had to acknowledge defeat—and the opportunity to clinch the truth of the lesson for those young lives was gone, perhaps forever!

Sunday School teacher, you may not have faced such a situation, but you do feel your need for a more extensive acquaintance with the Word of God! You desire a positive working knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible.

You will find invaluable aid in the book Stanley Horton has written for Workers Training Month this January. "Into All Truth" unfolds the doctrines of Salvation, Healing, the Holy Spirit, and the Second Coming as portrayed in the Old and New Testaments. Here is a rich study which will help all workers in our Sunday Schools to teach and witness effectively.

Visual aid and a teachers manual are available to help those who will teach the book.

Each church is urged to conduct a training course. Perhaps you might arrange a joint course, with a number of churches co-operating. Teachers and Sunday School workers, enroll in a training class. Equip yourself to SEIZE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY COME YOUR WAY JUST ONCE!



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The choir from Berea Temple, St. Louis, Mo. furnished inspiring music for the night meetings at Toronto.



A seminar for youth leaders was held prior to the opening rally of the convention. Shown left to right are: T. F. Zimmerman, Executive Director of Assemblies of God youth; Dick Fulmer, National C. A. Director, Assemblies of God; Ray Hughes, Youth and Sunday School Director, Church of God; and James Montgomery (wearing glasses), Youth and Sunday School Director, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.



Approximately two thousand gathered in Cooke's Presbyterian Church for the Wednesday night service.

During the P.F.N.A. convention, representatives from various countries met to lay plans for the next World Conference which will be at Toronto, Canada, in 1958.



Pentecostal Fellowship In Action

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company" (Psalm 55:14).

The eighth annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America was a time when members of various Full Gospel groups "took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company."

The convention theme, "Pentecostal Fellowship in Action," was made a reality as preachers and laymen alike ignored denominational boundaries and mingled together freely in conferences, worship services, and times of informal fellowship.

Historic Cooke's Presbyterian Church in downtown Toronto, Canada, was the scene of the convention which drew representatives from the following groups:

- Assemblies of God
- Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)
- Church of God (Mountain Assembly)
- International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
- International Pentecostal Assemblies
- Open Bible Standard Churches
- Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- Pentecostal Church of Christ
- Pentecostal Holiness Church

These nine bodies comprise some 10,000 churches with approximately a million members. In addition, the convention voted to receive a tenth group into the Fellowship; namely, the Elim Missionary Assemblies, which according to Ivan Q. Spencer, their founder, comprise 50 churches with some 3,000 members.

A high light of the convention was the communion service on Wednesday afternoon when the congregation was engulfed with a mighty tide of divine power which swept over the people in wave after wave of blessing.

A Youth Seminar and a Missions Forum were conducted at Evangel Temple on Monday and Tuesday, prior to the convention.

The convention opened Tuesday night, November 1, with a Youth Rally. Ray H. Hughes led the service and Thos. F. Zimmerman delivered the sermon. Brother Zimmerman's subject was "Perpetuating Pentecost." He presented an inspiring verse-by-verse commentary on Hosea 14. Commenting on verse 5, "I will be as the dew unto Israel," he said: "God pours out His Spirit sometimes in flood proportions, sometimes as rain, and also as the dew. The floods come once in a while. The rains come seasonally. But the dew comes daily."

On Wednesday there was a devotional service in the morning with an address

by the Chairman, E. J. Fulton, followed by a business session, and an afternoon service at which Bane T. Underwood did the preaching.

At night T. A. Melton had charge of the service and introduced a uniformed representative of the Civil Air Patrol who stated that there are now more Pentecostal chaplains than Episcopal chaplains in the C. A. P. The speaker of the evening was Frank W. Smith who chose Romans 15:29 for his text—"The fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ." He said that the Full Gospel is (1) a gospel that is fully preached; (2) a gospel that will meet the full needs of men; (3) a gospel that offers us the fullness of the almighty God; and (4) a gospel full of privileges.

The final day of the convention opened with a brief devotional service and a business session in the morning, after which Pastor Lewi Pethrus of Stockholm was asked to speak. He told the convention about IBRA, the new broadcasting station at Tangiers established by the Pentecostal churches of Sweden which is sending out the gospel in eight languages each day to a potential audience of 150 million people.

During the noon recess a number of

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The materials for planning National WMC Day have been sent to your pastor. Be sure to ask your pastor for your copy.

representative brethren from Canada, Sweden, and the U. S. inspected the Canadian National Exhibition grounds where the next World Conference of Pentecostal Churches will be held in 1958.

Houston R. Morehead brought the message of the afternoon and Howard P. Courtney did the preaching at night. Both sermons met with wholehearted response from the congregation. The student body of the Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in Peterborough, Ontario, was present for the night meeting and sang an inspiring anthem. The Kolenda Brothers from Detroit also sang. If one service could be said to be better than any other, the Thursday night meeting probably would be considered the one in which the people were carried to the highest peak of blessing. It was a glorious service

and a fitting climax to a great convention.

Pastor James D. Cockman brought the choir of Berea Temple, St. Louis, Mo. all the way to Toronto to sing in the Wednesday night and Thursday night services and their singing was one of the outstanding spiritual treats of the convention.

Music for the three night meetings was provided by the bands of three Ontario churches (Evangel Temple, Toronto; Pentecostal Church, Peterborough; Gospel Tabernacle, Hamilton):

All of the officers of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America were re-elected for another year, as follows:

Chairman: E. J. Fulton, Open Bible Standard Churches
Vice-Chairmen: T. A. Melton, Pentecostal Holiness Church; and Rolf K. McPherson, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
Secretary: W. E. McAlister, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
Treasurer: Gayle F. Lewis, Assemblies of God
Board of Administration: Howard P. Courtney, Zeno C. Tharp, J. Roswell Flower, Chester I. Miller, Frank W. Smith, William Spencer, Clayton Lawson, Houston R. Morehead, J. A. Synan, C. M. Wortman.

The next convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia, October 30 to November 1, 1956, God willing.

FEBRUARY—A MONTH OF

Action

FEB. 12, WMC DAY

February will be a month of MISSIONARY ACTION in the Assemblies of God, for during February we join in a united surge to possess a new land. The missionary calendar will include:

Regional World Missions Conventions in four cities.

BGMC Day, February 5.

Simultaneous Mission USA rallies in every section of every district, February 6.

National Women's Missionary Council Day, February 12.

The WMC, in its task of keeping the supply line open to the missionary front, is preparing for National WMC Day. On February 12 pastors and laymen will join in praise to God for the souls won; for the increased missionary vision; for the garments, food, and necessities of life that have been placed on the mission front through the work and prayers of the WMC.

The National Office has prepared helps on the theme, "Share—Because You Care," to assist local assemblies in their observance of National WMC Day. These are being

sent to pastors, who, in turn, will pass them on to their local WMC leaders.

Also available for the observance of WMC Day are: WMC DAY BADGES, 10 for 10c. Printed on each side, "I SHARE BECAUSE I CARE." (Order one for each person who attends this service.)

VISUAL AID PACKET, \$1.05. (For use in the suggested WMC Day service. Local leaders may prepare their own visual aid by the instructions given in the suggested free material, or may order this packet.)

The packets and badges are to be ordered only from the National WMC Department. Send cash with each order.

The National Department depends on offerings received on this day for its support. Missionary credit will be given churches if their offering is sent directly to the Women's Missionary Council Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Plan now to take part in the MISSIONARY ACTION of this day. "Share because you care."

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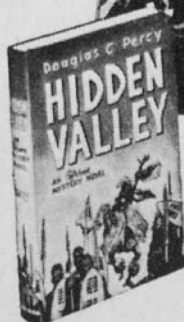
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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MENA, ARK.—We had an eleven-night meeting with Sister Lizzie Foster of Springfield, Oreg. and Brother Weslie Groomer of Reseda, Calif. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting. One backslider was reclaimed, and the church was encouraged and helped spiritually.—Joyce Groomer, Pastor, Board Camp Assembly.

CENTER, TEX.—We had an outstanding meeting with Evangelist Otis Moore of Houston, Tex. Brother Moore's anointed sermons and spiritual teaching were a blessing to all. Four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, three were saved, and nearly every member was refilled with the Spirit.—Leland R. Evans, Pastor.

ROCK FALLS, ILL.—We recently closed a meeting with Evangelist D. C. Ogden, chalk artist and cartoonist from Memphis, Tenn. The interest was very good, and the attendance was excellent. Souls came forward for salvation. Several were added to the church and are now attending the services regularly.—H. W. Lutz, Pastor.

CARMAN, MAN., CANADA—We enjoyed a gracious two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Don R. Tanner of Willmar, Minn. Their rich ministry in music and preaching was appreciated by our people. The Sunday School reached a new high in attendance the last Sunday of the meeting.—W. G. Fowke, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Church.

EAST BRUNSWICK, N. J.—In September, we concluded a three-week tent meeting with Evangelist William Scott. Fourteen accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A number were healed by the power of God. We appreciated the anointed ministry of Brother Scott.—Norman J. Kirk, Pastor, East Brunswick Assembly of God.

DIXON, ILL.—The Lord poured out His Spirit during the meeting with the Kenneth Marshall Evangelistic Party. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit. A number received bodily healing. Two families from one non-Pentecostal church and two young ladies from another in a small town near here came into our fellowship. The revival fires are still burning.—Elmer Powell, Pastor.

FRISCO, TEX.—The attendance was very good during the tent meeting with Evangelist L. F. Ammons of Durant, Okla. Souls were saved, men and women were reclaimed, and the church was revived.—M. L. Milton, Pastor, Frisco Assembly of God.

LOYALTON, CALIF.—We had a three-week meeting with Jimmie and Mrs. Justus and Ruth Jackson Evangelistic Party. Twenty were saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some received bodily healing. We averaged 83 in Sunday School.

We have been here over three years and we now have a lovely church. We have moved into a new three-bedroom parsonage.—Bradford Wilmoth, Pastor.

TUOLUMNE, CALIF.—For three weeks, Evangelist R. W. Holmes was with us. Twenty-six were saved, 14 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 20 were refilled, and many were healed by the power of God. The community was stirred. A number of Methodists received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. Brother Holmes' instruction from the Word of God will leave lasting effects upon this community.—A. J. Schoonover, Pastor.

McKINNEY, TEX.—We had a fruitful revival with Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards of Garland, Tex. Twelve were saved or reclaimed, and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This is the second meeting Brother Edwards has conducted in our church this year. His ministry has been exceptionally beneficial to our people. We have completed a beautiful new baptistry, and eight were baptized in water. Five united with the Assembly. We are rejoicing in the blessing of the Lord.—Earl J. Rogers, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

MEDFORD, OREG.—Began Nov. 29 at Medford Assembly of God, 1108 W. Main St.; Evangelist Arthur Arnold.—by F. Wildon Colbaugh, Pastor.

JETMORE, KANS.—Began Nov. 27 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Lula M. Ware, Compton, Calif. (DuWayne Nelson is Pastor.)

NORTH BEND, OREG.—Began Nov. 29 at Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. A. L. Wyrick.—by Orville R. Cross, Pastor.

BECKLEY, W. VA.—Dec. 7-18 at First Assembly of God, 114 Valley Dr.; Musical Vanderploegs, Toledo, Ohio. (T. M. Waldron is Pastor.)

KINGSTREE, S. C.—Speed-the-Light Rally for Charleston-Georgetown Section at Assembly of God; Dec. 16. Speakers: J. L. Gallman, C. A. President, and Roy P. Nylin. Services at 3 and 7 p.m.—by A. T. Hickman, Pastor.

SALLISAW, OKLA.—Began Nov. 30 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La. (Frank Thomas is Pastor.)

BREA, CALIF.—Dec. 9-18 at Assembly of God; Evangelist Thomas Ming Sr., Costa Mesa, Calif.—by A. D. and Mildred H. Duncan, Pastors.

LEXINGTON, MO.—Dec. 6-18 at First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Darrell D. Massey is Pastor.)

ESSEX, MO.—Begins Dec. 11 at Bird's Corner Assembly of God; Evangelist O. R. Ball, Ripley, Tenn.—by Charley Rood, Pastor.

DUNKIRK, OHIO—Begins Dec. 6 with Evangelist Jack Sands, Portsmouth, England. Neighboring Assemblies invited.—by Joseph A. Silva, Pastor.

EVANGELISM CONVENTION

The second national Evangelism Convention will meet in Ellis Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 13-15. For information write Department of Evangelism, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Honesdale Pentecostal Church-Assembly of God has been changed to The Honesdale Assembly of God, Inc., Honesdale, Pa.—David A. Blattner, Pastor.

CONTACTS WANTED—We are re-opening the services at the Assembly of God, 329 Valverde St. in Brenham, Tex. There is no other Pentecostal work in this county. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—Grace Hope and Mary E. Ford, Brenham, Tex.

CONTACTS WANTED—We are in a Home Missions church in Eau Gallie, Fla., half way between Miami and Jacksonville on U. S. Highway 1 at 2nd St. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses. As employment is available, we would like to contact workers to move into the community to help in the church.—Earl L. Frerking, Box 53, Eau Gallie, Fla.

WITH CHRIST

L. ARTHUR ELLSWORTH, 78, Chula Vista, Calif. went to be with the Lord October 10, 1955 after a two-week illness. Brother Ellsworth was ordained in 1924, and was active in the ministry until his final illness. He pastored churches in Washington, Oregon, and California. He taught for several years at the former Berean Bible Institute in San Diego, Calif.

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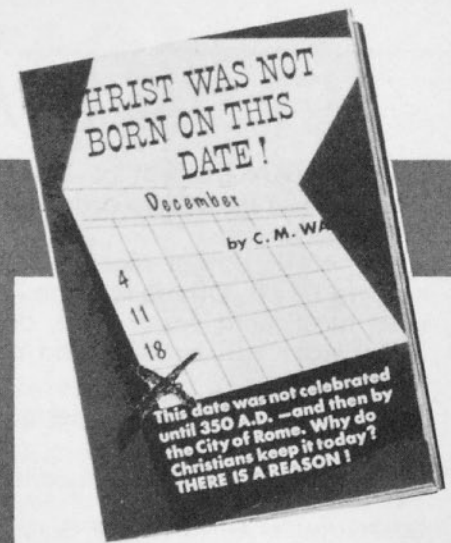
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